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State Agencies Accept Keys to New Ford Hydrogen-Powered Vehicles *Demonstration Program Will Help Improve Fuel Cell Technology*

(SACRAMENTO) – California state agencies accepted the keys to three new hydrogen-powered vehicles today as part of a demonstration program to help the Ford Motor Company improve the design and performance of fuel cell technology. The automobiles, Ford Focus hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (FCVs), will be shared with the California Air Resources Board (ARB), the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the Department of General Services (DGS).

“The state of California is proud to be a partner with Ford in this new demonstration of state-of-the-art vehicle technology,” said Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D., Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). “The real-world data collected from these vehicles will help Ford design the next generation of hydrogen-powered vehicles, and accelerate implementation of Governor Schwarzenegger’s Hydrogen Highway Initiative in California.”

Under Governor Schwarzenegger’s Hydrogen Highway Initiative, the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the Air Resources Board (ARB) are actively pursuing implementation of a hydrogen highway infrastructure and are working with several auto manufacturers, including Ford, to develop and promote fuel cell vehicle technology. Last year, Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation to invest \$6.5 million the infrastructure needed to accommodate hydrogen-powered vehicles.

For more information on the Hydrogen Highway Initiative, visit <http://hydrogenhighway.ca.gov/>. To obtain photos or video of Ford Focus FCVs, contact Mike Wintemute, Cal/EPA Deputy Secretary for Communications, at (916) 324-9670.

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